



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS SEMINAR

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Radisson Hotel and Conference Center – 625 Rolling Meadows Dr, Fond du Lac, WI 54937

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

This seminar provides municipal officials, treatment plant operators, consultants, and government employees with an overview and update of current issues facing permitted dischargers in Wisconsin. Coverage on a wide array of environmental issues is presented by recognized experts within the water-quality field.

GENERAL SEMINAR INFORMATION

Fee: \$90.00 Pre-Registration ends on February 15, 2026
\$110.00 after February 15, 2026, through day of seminar
(Both fees include program materials, breaks, and lunch)

Pay and Register On-Line:

https://members.cswea.org/members/evr/reg_event.php?orgcode=CNTW&evid=60906603

Same Day Registration: Begins on site at 7:30 AM

Credits: WDNR CEU - Approximately 6 hours Wastewater; 6 hours Municipal Waterworks
PDH - Available upon request

Lodging: Each registrant is responsible for their own hotel reservations. Make your reservations as soon as possible for the best rates. Radisson Hotel 920-923-1440 **HOTEL BLOCK CODE:** Government Affairs Seminar

COMMITTEE

Brett Bevers, P.E., Regional Sales Mgr, Centrisys
Kevin Berg, P.E., Eng.Services Director, WalCoMet
Brent Brown, P.E., Project Manager, Jacobs Engineering
Brooke Klingbeil, WW Compliance Specialist, WDNR
Sam Hocevar, P.E., Project Manager, Strand Associates
Kenzie Ostien, Wastewater Engineer, WDNR
Leo Kucek, P.E., Project Manager, Applied Technologies, Inc.
Kathy Lake, P.E., Pollution Prevention Mgr, Madison MSD
Nick Lent, Wastewater Engineer, WDNR
Cody Schoepke, Superintendent, Fond du Lac WTRRF
Jeff Smudde, Dir. Environmental Programs, NEW Water
Sharon Thieszen, Field Services Manager, NEW Water
Chris Tippery, P.E., Senior Project Manager, raSmith
Vanessa Wishart, Attorney, Stafford Rosenbaum LLP

SPEAKERS

Amy Broughton, Stantec
Jennifer Buholzer, Fehr Graham
Joe Cantwell, Focus on Energy
Matt Clauncherty, WDNR
Jerry Deschane, League of WI Municipalities
Amy Garbe, WDNR
Martye Griffin, Madison MSD
Kristen Hannon, Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene
Karen Hyun, WDNR
Matt Marcum, WDNR
Chris Murphy, WI WQ Trading Clearinghouse
Joe Van Rossum, WDNR
Nate Willis, WDNR
Vanessa Wishart, MEG



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

8:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Nick Lent, WDNR

Keynote
Moderator: Kenzie Ostien

8:05 Keynote
Karen Hyun, WDNR
Joe Van Rossum, WDNR

Funding and Energy Grant Opportunities
Moderator: Chris Tippery

8:30 Funding and Energy Grant Opportunities
Joe Cantwell, Focus on Energy
Matt Marcum, WDNR
Amy Broughton, Stantec

9:45 BREAK (15 minutes)

WI Phosphorus Updates and Case Studies
Moderator: Brent Brown

10:00 Phosphorus Compliance and Clearinghouse Updates
Matt Claunchery, WDNR
Jennifer Buholzer, Fehr Graham
Chris Murphy, WI WQ Trading Clearinghouse

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Operator and Facility of the Year Awards

11:15 DNR Awards
Amy Garbe, WDNR

11:30 LUNCH AND NETWORKING

Wisconsin Legislative Updates
Moderator: Cody Schoepke

12:45 Municipal Legislative Update
League of WI Municipalities Representative

1:45 BREAK (15 minutes)

PFAS Rules and Implementation Updates
Moderator: Sharon Thieszen

2:00 PFAS Updates
Vanessa Wishart, MEG
Martye Griffin, Madison MSD
Kristen Hannon, WI State Lab of Hygiene
Amy Garbe, WDNR

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Updates
Moderator: Leo Kucek

3:20 DNR Update
Nate Willis, WDNR

3:55 Closing Remarks
Nick Lent, WDNR

4:00 Seminar Adjourns

QUESTIONS?

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